HIDDEN FOE AT ALBANY.

R. T. BOARD THINKS IT'S FOUND PLOT AGAINST ITS BILL.

Which Bill Would Let Any Corporation, Not Only Any Corporation Then Operating a City Railroad, Operate the Tunnel, Under Guarantees-Board Asks to Be Heard. The Rapid Transit law as it stands to-day provides that the railroad, when it is com-pleted, may be operated by any corpora-

tion then existing and operating a railroad in the city of New York. The Commissioners want to have this sec tion of the law changed so that any corporation giving evidence of its ability to do so shall have the same rights whether then operating a railroad or not.

A bill which has passed the Senate is designed to amend the law so as to do away with the restriction. The Commissioners say that they had not had any doubt about the passage of this bill, but that in the last two or three days they had learned that it is opposed from a source that they cannot discover, but which seems to have a good deal of power in the Assembly.

In fact, the Commissioners think that the bill is being held up, and at their meeting yesterday they decided to ask for a hearing President Orr put the matter good and strong in a telegram that he sent late in the afternoon to the Hon. Otto C. Kelsey. chairman of the Assembly Committee on Cities. The telegram said:

"The Rapid Transit Commission is informed that a powerful and secret opposition has developed to the pending Rapid Transit legislation. The failure of the legislation would be a public calamity. Can the commission be heard before your committee in support of this bill on Monday next? When this telegram was made public the following explanatory memorandum was

"The bill is general in its terms including not only or chiefly the pending McDonald contract, but the Brooklyn and other Rapid Transit contracts that the board hopes to make in the future. It is claimed that no railroad corporation except one now owning a railroad in this city has the legal power to acquire rights in the Rapid Transit contracts or to bid for any new contract. The Board of Papid Transit Railroad Commissioners will not submit voluntarily to any such claim of exclusive rights by existing companies. The proposed bill if enacted will prevent any such claim. The bill further facilitates and puts beyond any doubt condemnation proceedings, which may be indispensable. It also abolishes the expenses in such proceedings which have been found to be unnecessary. The defeat of this bill would simply mean a delay in rapid transit.

It was declared that none of the members of the board has been able to find out what the agencies operating against the passage of the bill are, and that one of their objects in asking for a public hearing on the matter is to attempt to find out who is against it and what interests he represents. If the Cities Commistee will give the hearing fof which the commission has asked the whole board is likely to go up to Albany and appear before it. The row between the commission and its confidence of the property of the water Supply Department on the other. Transit contracts that the board hopes t

The row between the commission and its confractors on one side and the officials of the Water Supply Department on the other has been adjusted and the rights of all the departments in relation to the work on the tunnel are to be defined in an opinion that the Corporation Counsel is at work on now. The water is not yet running through the new 80-inch main at the Columbus Circle, for the connections have not been made, but the whole controversy is to be settled without friction and without any more trouble. Daniel F. McMahon, chairman of the Tanmany Executive Committee, is one of the principal owners of the firm of McNaughton & Co., whose work is held up by Mr. Dalton's department.

whose work is held up by six bearing the partment.

The board made requisition on the Comptroller yesterday for \$773,000 for the payments due on the work done in March. This is the largest sum that has been spent in any one month and makes the total expenditure on contracts to date \$3,594,000, or a little over 10 per cent. of the total amount of the contract.

act. Residents of The Bronx had a hearing exterday on the proposition that the road resterday on the proposition that the road be on an elevated structure above the Harlem Councilmen Hart and Hottenroth opposed the plan There will be another hearing next

DIVORCED FROM DR. CORTHELL ..

The Man That Was Happy to Say to Himself: Willy Boy, There's No Kick Coming To-night."

A suit for absolute divorce brought by Mrs. Jennie Corthell of 358 Halsey street against Dr. William M. Corthell, who is now was tried before Justice Wilmot M. Smith Adividend of 5 percent and a bonus of 3 per living at 324 East Fifteenth street, Manhattan in Brooklyn yesterday. The defendant is an oculist. He did not put in any defence. In a letter which he wrote to his wife after their separation some time ago he said he was born under an unlucky star and as a result had been unfortunate. He had also was born under an unlucky star and as a result had been unfortunate. He had also made everybody with whem be came in contact unfortunate. He wrote that he slept on a small folding bed and enjoyed himself with free binches. At night he reguled himself with his bottle and his pipe. In closing he said that it was a pleasure to be able to say: "Willy how, there's no kick coming to-night. We have not made any one feel had to-day."

bad to-day."

Annie Phelan, the janitress of 324 East Pitteenth street, testified that Dr. Corthell was fiving there and that he paid the reni of a flat. Jeanette Spaulding, who lived at the same place, said she had seen her sister. the same place, said sie had seen her sister a Mrs Thornton, go into the same room with the defendant at night and leave it in the morning. The plaintiff, it was said, was the third wife of the defendant. Justice Smith gave the plaintiff a decree of divorce.

WEDDED HIS FORMER CLIENT.

New Haven Lawyer Who Wrote on "Marriage No Failure " Marries a Divorcee.

NEW HAVEN, April 11 .- Charles H. Havden, a local attorney, who has written papers on social problems, one of which was enlast night to his former client and stenographer. Mes A. Roselle Leete. She is 20 and he is 43. He is a widower and she was divorced a year ago. The refusal of the Rev. Dr. Edwin S. Lines, pastor of Sr. Paul's Enheopal Church, to perform the marriage ceremony, hecause one of the contracting parties was a divorced person, was a disappointment to the bridegroom, because at one time he was a member of Dr. Lines's Sunday school. titled "Marriage No Failure," was married then the lawyer and his bride-elect took a trolley ride to Bridgeport and were married

CELLAR FIRES ACCOUNTED FOR. Thieres Steal Money From Quarter Meters and Set the Fires.

PATERSON, N. J., April 11 - Chief Stage is satisfied now of the cause of the great many cellar fires which have kept the department busy during the last month. There was a fire ground that he shows lack of energy and First to Reach Queenstown of Four That to-night in the cellar of the building on Bridge | because of dissatisfaction with his manageto-night in the cellar of the building on Bridge street belonging to Otto Hundertmark. Two men were seen to leave the cellar a few minutes before the fire was discovered. An investigation showed that the quarier gas meter in the cellar had been broken into end pilfered. The thieves lind then set fire to the cellar in order to cover up their tracks. Chief Stagg has no doubt that this is the explanation of all the cellar fires. The gas company has complained lately of many of the meters being tampered with and the quarters stolen. No arcests have been made yet.

8.093 IMMIGRANTS IN A DAY. The Tide This Spring Promises to Ran Cansaaily High.

Six steamships brought in vesterday 5.003 immigrants, the largest number that has immigrants, the largest number that has arrived in one day since last spring. The Frankfurt from Bremen had 1.745, the Tartar Prince from Med terranean ports 1.040, chiefly Italians; the Majestic, from Livernool and Queenstown, 797, nossily frish, the Buenos Aires, from Italian and Spanish ports, 601, the Westernland, from Aniwerp, 596, the Deutschland, from Bremen. Southampton and Cherbouts, 314. The Barge Office officials expect an unusually large immigration this spring

MISHAP DELAYED MAJESTIC. Broke a Bolt and Had to Run Twelve Hours With One Engine.

The White Star liner Majestic, which usually gets in from Liverpool and Queenstown | Denies That Krager Has Decided to Come Here moderate weather on Wednesday, was aved more than half a day by the breaking delayed more than half a day by the breaking of a bolt of the low-pressure eccentric strap of the starboard engine last Monday, and she did not dock until vesterday morning. She ran twelve hours under her port engine until repairs were made.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN
THE HAGUE, April 11—M. Boeschoten, Mr. Krüger's secretary, says that a voyage to America has not been decided upon, but the question is under consideration.

LOOMIS SAYS HE IS NOT RECALLED. oming North on the Steamship Caracas - The Trouble With Venezuela.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, April 11 -- The gunpoat Scorpion has arrived here from Venezuela with the United States Minister to that country, Mr. Loomis, aboard. Mr. Loomis, who is accompanied by his wife, will sail for New York to-day on the steamship Caracas. Mr. Loomis will make no cable report to Washington as to the situation in Venezuela from this point. He says he has not been recalled and is merely on a vacation. He says that although President Castro is anti-American, it is only fair to say that he controls the situation in Venezuela. He also says that Americans suffer many injustices in the Venezuelan courts. There are many foreign

varships in the harbor of La Guayra. Mr. Loomis says that the trouble between that country and the United States originated over a demand for the payment of claims of Americans amounting to \$100,000. He followed the instructions he received from the State Department at Washington, pressed the claims and finally collected the money The ill-feeling that exists now, he says, is a result of this action, and has brought about the revocation of the Orinoco concessions. Venezuela, he says, is now fortifying the position and granting foreigners concessions in such proximit as to embarrass the United

BRIDE FOR PRINCE LOUIS NAPOLEON. Story That He Will Marry Grand Duchess

States forces in case of trouble

Relene Revived. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN BERLIN, April 11 -A despatch from St. Petersburg says that the old rumor of the projected marriage of Prince Louis Napoleon and Grand Duchess Helene, daughter of Grand Duke Vladimir, is revived. There is an unconfirmed statement that the Prince, who has left St. Petersberg on leave of absence, has gone to the Riviera, where the Grand Duchess and her mother are staying.

The story is treated as of importance in Berlin in consequence of the political possibilities underlying it. It is well known that Prince Louis is persona grafa at the Russian court, and the Grand Duchess's mother is credited in Berlin with desiring her alliance with a man who may some day fill the throne of France. Such a match would obviously greatly encourage the Bonapartists who favor Prince Louis as the candidate for the throne in preference to his eder and supposedly less ambitious brother, Prince Victor.

"THE WILDERNESS" PLEASES LONDON. A Twentieth Century Society Play That Is Clean and rigit.

Special Cable Desputch to THE SUN. LONDON, April 11 - After three or four failures Mr. George Alexander to-night produced a new play called "The Wilderness, by H. V Esmond, which promises to be a success It is a twentieth century society drame. but is a model in being wholesome, uncynical and not morbid The wilderness means London in the season, and the story is of a woman and sparkling, as well as clean. Its only defeet is a long drawn-out third act, which doubtless will be remedied

Mr. Alexander, in a more sincere part than he has recently played, divided the honors captivated the house by her charming acting | he said, that the Radicals will endeavor to

CUNARD LINE'S PROFITS. Dividend Declared, but a Stockholder Attacks the Company's Policy.

Special Caple Despatch to THE SUN. LIVERPOOL, April 11 .- At the annual meeting of the directors and stockholders of the and Radicals outside. The apparent hol-Cunard Steamship Company to-day Mr. the consideration of the accounts be post- a Cuban to have an office near the Governponed in order that an independent committee ment. Then his patriotism will be corrupted said the profits had accrued solely from the with the American authorities. Some of transport work during the war in South
Africa and that they would require another and another thing outside. As this is very war and more butchering to make another | commonly done it is not likely that many dividend. The amendment was defeated ceni, were declared

STOLEN GOLD WORTH \$21.000. Theft on the Kalser Wilhelm der Grosse Dis-

covered at Southampton. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN

BREMEN. April 11 - It is stated here that he gold bars stelen from the strong room of the steamship Kniser Wilhelm der Grosse, on her trip from New York, were valued at 88,000 marks (\$21,000). They were intended for the Berlin mint. The strong room was found broken open at Southampton.

Marine insurers believe that the loss caused theft of gold bars from the Kaiser der Grosse will fall on the steam-mpany which receipted for the kegs ship company which receipted for the kegs.
"In good condition."
One effect of the theft, it is said, will be the raising of insocance rates on specie.

LOUBET IN A SUBMARINE BOAT. French President and Other Officials Take a

Trip Under Water. Special Cable Lespatch to THE SUN.

Tornes, April 11. President Louber, M. Lanesson, Minister of Marine, and M. Dolcassé, Minister of Foreign Affairs, marie a rip to-day in the submarine boat Gustave | Paris Denial of Statement That Abrasinians Are Zede. They were on the surface and below the water for an Lour and a half.

Steamer Damaged and Short of Coal.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. QUEENSTOWN, April 11 -The steamship here last night short of coal. She encountered fearful weather on the voyage across. Her boats were smashed and her ventilators and bulwarks also suffered. She put in here for refuge and assistance. The steamship sailed from St. John, N. B., on March 27.

Ecamenical Patriarch Deposed.

Special Cable Despatch to TRE SUN. CONSTANTINOPLE, April 11 -The Ecumenical Patriarch has been deposed on the ment of affairs. His dethronement, on the eve of the Greek Easter, has caused an unprecedented sensation.

Liner Pennsylvania Safe.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. York, March 80, which was about a day and a half overdue arrived this afternoon and proceeded to Cherbourg. Her high pressure ylinder cracked on March 31 and she was further delayed by gules

Harbor Defence Experiments at Portsmonth.

Special Cable Despatch to THE BUN. LONDON, April 11 - It is stated that secret experiments in methods to protect ships and harbors against submarine boats are proceeding at Portsmouth. The torpedo bout destroyer Starfish is being used in these

Deny Reports of Rebellion in China. Special Cubie Desputch to THE SUN BERLIN, April 11 -According to the Pekin orrespondent of the Lokalanzeiger, the foreign authorities there emphatically deny that a rebellion of Chinese troops under Gen Tung Fu Hslang has broken out

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN

AGUINALDO FEARS DEATH. THINKS FRIENDS OF GEN. LUNA WILL

TRY TO ASSASSINATE HIM.

Had Luna Killed Because He Was a Dangerous Rival—Aguinaldo's Staff Set at Liberty, but He Prefers to Be Imprisoned for the Present His Manifesto is Prepared.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. Manilla, April 11 -- Col. Veilia, Aguinaldo's Chief of Staff, and Dr. Barcelona. ex-Treasarer of the Philippine "Government," who were captured at the same time Gen. Funston nade a prisoner of their chief, were liberated

Aguinaldo will probably be removed in few days to a private house in the vicinity f Malacanan, where he is provisionally neld as a prisoner under guard. It is said hat Aguinaldo fears the vengeance of the riends of Gen. Luna, who was assassinated by order of Aguinaldo, and that the authorities are afraid to let him out of their hands. The authorities refuse to say a word on the sub-

ect and their actions are not explained. Aguinaldo is said to have prepared a brief manifesto to the Filipines in which he advises hem to submit and gives reasons for doing so. He acknowledges the incapacity of the Filipinos to govern themselves and advises the leaders, as for their best interest, to give n. This manifesto is being translated into Tagalog, Spanish and English, but it is not mown whether it has as yet been signed by

The strike of the native employees of the Manila-Dagupan Railroad for an increase of to per cent, in their wages has been settled. Senor Buencamino, one of the leaders of the Federal party, announces that he intende to renounce politics. He refuses to call and see Aguinaldo. Senor Paterno, head of the new Autonomy party, promises to organize a new party after the conclusion of peace The object of this party will be to secure territorial form of government

CIVIL RULE IN ILOILO. Provincial Government Organized After Lively Two Days' Session.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. ILOHO, P. I., April 11 -The Philippines ommission has held a lively session of two days here, although the matters under discussion were of a routine nature. Ex-Supreme Court Judge Melliza made a bitter attack on the American tax system. Finally, however, the commission organized a provincial government with the highest salaries vet paid. Ex-Gen Delgado was appointed Governor at a salary of \$3,000 a year. Lieut. Thompson of the Thirty-eighth Volunteer Infantry was appointed treasurer at the same salary as that of the Governor

CUBAN PAPER ATTACKS GEN. WOOD. Says That He Has Failed in His Work in the Island.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. HAVANA, April 11. At a meeting of the onservative party to-day Senor Govin said that the American Administration had aswho fell in love with her husband. It is bright sumed a heavy responsibility in delivering the Government to the Radicals, who were soiled children and who bite the hand which caresses them. He added that the American Government has divorced itself from the lasses which represent education, wealth with Eva Moore, wife of the author, who and moderation. It can easily be explained, continue intervention, as they get all its sweets. and then insult and threaten Regarding the attitude of those Cubana

who have accepted office under American A view generally adopted is that some of the Secretaries are conservatives in the palace lowness of Cuban Radicalism seems to be Van Laun proposed as an amendment that | illustrated by the fact that it is sufficient for might be appointed to inquire into the policy | and he will favor annexation, his radicalism and position of the company. Mr. Van Laun being overcome by a few months' intercourse persons are deceived

The Patria is publishing a series of attacks on Gen. Wood. It is understood that these attacks, though nominally made by Gualberto Gomez, really originate from another source. The paper says that Gen. Wood has | accident. completely failed, in spite of his having a free hand to do as he likes. It adds that Gen. Wood or ginated the idea of the Platt amendment in order to influence the convention. A private session of the convention was to-day, but nothing was done. The Radicals introduced a motion proposing that the convention before appointing a commission should declare itself opposed to the | Lord Campbell's command. principle of the Platt amendment. This is onsidered mere obstruction It is said that the Radicals are abandoning the real issues and going into side issues to influence e convention and unbalance the delegates. The Radical papers print a cable despatch to the effect that it is considered in Wasnington that Gen. Wood has failed, and that the American troops are to be withdrawn in order to pacify the Cubar + They also spread | ranean. report that Gen. Wood is to be recalled immediately. These fake reports influence the Radical delegates.

NOT AIDING THE BRITISH

in the Campaign Against Abdullahi. Special Cable Desputch to THE SUN

Paris, April 11 -A despatch from Jubitii in the English newspapers that the Abyssinisns are acting with the British troops Manchester Commerce, from Halifax, arrived against the Somali mad Mullah Abdullahi. The despatch says the fact is the Abyssinian troops from the Somall border are now with King Menelik helping to build Addisalem. the new capital. If any Anglo-Abyssinian agreement exists it is of the flimslest character. The internal situation in Abyesinia is serious. The Tigre district is in a state of constant rebellion.

SAILING SHIP MUSKORA WINS.

Sailed Together from Portland, Ore.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN QUEENSTOWN, April 11 - The British ship Muskoka, 101 days and 20 hours from Port-land, Ore, for this port, arrived here today. She is the first to arrive of four sailing vessels that started from the same port a PLYMOTTH April II The bg Hamburg- the same time Considerable money was American liner Pennsylvania, from New wagered on the result of the race between the

The best day's run made by the Muskoka was 352 niles. The wind was favorable o the Rio de la Piata, which was reached n lifty days Thereafter she ran into calms or otherwise she would have reached here

CIVIL RULE IN TRANSVAAL. Military Tribunals at Johannesburg and Pretoria Abolished.

Special Cubie Despatch to THE SUN PRETORIA, April 11 -A civil administration was inaugurated here yesterday under a The military tribunals at Johannesburg and Pretoria are abolished The Transvaul law of procedure is maintained, but pleadings must be conducted in English.

Dock Strike at Dantzig Special Cable Despatch to THE St N Bernin. April 11 -All the stevedores a

he Dantzig docks struck this morning. Board as at Home is Difficult to Find in a large city like New York. Such places, though, are advertised in THE SUN under "Select Board."—

Examination of His Flagship Shows That She Was Badly Damaged.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, April 11 .- An examination of the Kaiser Friedrich, Prince Henry's flagship, which recently struck on the rocks, shows that she escaped by a miracle. The rocks ripped her outer case, and the water entering forced her fluid fuel upward until the inner bulkhead collapsed. The oil entered the furnace-room. This was presumably the cause of the fire, which threatened a fatal

The engines were also damaged by the shock. It is estimated that the repairs will cost 3,000,000 marks, and they cannot be garding Gen. Botha or apparently for any finished before December. A thousand tons of water has been pumped out of her. The new battleship Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse will be immediately placed in commission to replace the Kaiser Friedrich.

NATIONAL ACADEMIES SOCIETY. Meeting to Arrange an International Asso ciation Called for April 16.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, April 11. - The first general assem bly of the International Association of Academies has been fixed for April 16. The asso ciation is the outcome of the meeting of representatives of the chief European and American scademies at Weisbaden, in Octo ber, 1899. The association will be divided into two sections, scientific and literary, the latter to include language, history, philosophy and other subjects. The Royal Society, which has been active in promoting the association. will be represented by Lord Kelvin, Sir Norman Lock ver. Sir Archibald Geike, Prof. Lankester and others. Fifteen countries, including the United States, will be represented.

ROZERISM NOT WIPED OUT. Depredations South of Poin-Col. Marchand

in Charge of French Section of Pekin. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

From THE SUN Correspondent at Pekin.
PREIN, April 11.—The British Military exercises and sports were more largely attended to-day than yesterday. Count von Waldersee and several ladies from the legations were interested spectators to-day. Some French officers participated in the hurdle

Col. Marchand, of Fasheda fame, has been appointed Police Commissioner of the French section, which adjoins the British. A Manchu censor who was arrested for smoking opium in a den in the German sec-

Word has been received from Chochow. farty miles southwest of Pekin, which was formerly the centre of Boxerism, that the movement has not been completely suppressed and that Boxers still commit depredations A number of fires are credited to them. It is stated that they are awaiting an opportunity to renew their attacks on Christians. sionary Ament's efforts to secure justice there

CHINESE COURT'S PLANS.

WILl More to Kaifeng, Capital of House Prov. ince and Nearer to Pekin.

were only partially successful.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. From THE SUN Correspondent at Shanghat SHANGHAL, April 11. There is increasing evidence that the Court intends to leave Singan-fu and proceed to the Province of Honan on the way to Pekin. The Court will remain at Kaifeng-fu, the capital of Honan. for some time and await developments. This ify was the ancient capital under the Liac dynasty, which was Tartar.

The southern viceroys strongly censure Li Hung Chang for his intrigues with Russia over the Manchurian affair

BRITISH CAPTAIN KILLED AT PERIN. Shot While Riding Near the Summer Palace-Hay Have Been an Arcident. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

BERLIN, April 11 .- A despatch from Pekin states that Capt, Bartsch of the Second Infantry was murdered yesterday morning. He was at Karee Pan, killing seven of them. shot while riding on his horse near the Summer Another account of the Bartsch affair says that an inquiry into the death of the office. has been opened. The evidence so far tends o show that his death was the result of an

British Troops to Leave China Soon. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN

PERIN April 11 .- The British Fourth In fantry brigade is being broken up, and the Likanir and Alwar Imperial Service regiments will soon start for Ingia. The other regiments composing the brigade will be attached to

Premier Sallabury's Vacation Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN

LONDON, April 11 -- Lord Salisbury has left Beaulien for a short stay in Italy. His future movements are not announced, but a telegram from Malta states that the battleship Casar has gone to Naples to take him on board, probably for a cruise in the Mediter

Another Strike of Rich Ore in Alaska. VICTORIA, B. C. April 11 - When the steamer

Bescowitz, which arrived from the north to-day, was at Port Simpson, that place was a scene of great excitement over a rich find quartz that had been made near Kitzelass Canon, where G. H. Singlehurst and other New Yorkers have been developing rich properties. Miners who came down resays surprise is felt there at the statements | ported that the strike, which had been made a quarter of a mile from Singlehurst's property was on a ledge, the ore from which went over \$1,000 to the ton.

> Arthur T. Kemp Leases a Newport Cottage. NEWPORT, R. I., April 11 .- Senator George Peabody Wetmore has realed his cottage on Parker arenue known as the Parker Cot-tage to Mr. Arthur T. Kemp of New York for the coming season.

Reputation

is the most valuable asset a manufacturer can have, consequently the most eagerly sought after, the most difficult to attain. Merit is its sine qua non. No great reputation was ever attained undeservedly. This is preeminently true of the makers of artistic musical instruments. That the

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are worthy of their great reputation can hardly be demonstrated in an advertisement. Our catalogues will show this; or a visit to our warerooms will be still

more convincing. Warerooms, 3 and 5 West 18th St. Near Fifth Avenue

NARROW ESCAPE FOR PRINCE HENRY. NO PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. STORY ABOUT GEN. BOTHA LACKS OF

FICIAL CONFIRMATION. Another Report of De Wet's Madness -British Decide to Court Martial Every Officer Who Shows a White Flag to the Boers-Civil Rule Established Now in the Transvani Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

LONDON, April 12. - Inquiries in official quarters fail to elicit the smallest confirmation of yesterday's report regarding the resumption of peace negotiations in South Africa. The Times says it learns there is no foundation for the Cape Town story reof the other circumstantial statements of his alleged acts or intentions. There is a strong probability, according to the Times that the telegrams were nothing more than reproductions of local gossip.

The dissatisfaction over the frequency of surrenders and similar "regrettable incldente" is now met by the issue of a specia army order directing that any officer soldier who in the presence of the enemy displays a white flag or other token of surrender shall be tried by a general court-martial. Gen. Methuen, who has been in the hospital with fever, has returned to duty.

BORRS GAVE UP AN OLD CAMP Saiped Continually at Convoy to Bustenburg but Gave No Open Fight. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUR

From THE SUN Correspondent at Pretoria. PRETORIA, April 11.-The convoy which left here on March 27 with supplies and an enormous accumulation of mail reached Rustenburg safely. There was continual sniping on the way, but because of its strong escort the Boers did not openly attack the convoy

A Boer force numbering about 900 was seen hurrying toward the north. A reconnoissance was made toward the force and a longoccupied camp, just evacuated, was dis-

The convoy returned to Pretoria yesterday.

bringing a large number of Boer refugee The refugees were accompanied by their amilies and belongings Thirty prisoners who were captured at Magatastad were brought here yesterday from Rustenburg. Great satisfaction is expressed over the

commencement of civil government. The appointments announced meet with much tion received twenty-five blows with a bam-

DE WET'S MADNESS.

German Correspondent Says He Fears Death at the Hands of His Own Men. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

BERLIN, April 11 -The Cape Town corresondent of the Frankfurter Zeitung confirms he reports in the English newspapers as o the present position of the Boers and the madness of Gen De Wet. The correspondent says the position of the Boers is desperate. and there is great depression among the rank and file. Gen De Wet, the correspondent save, is so distracted that his condition can truthfully be described as insane. He moves about in fear of his life among his own troops, urrounded day and night by a bodyguard of his chosen adherents. But even from the ranks of his own men, the correspondent says, there are voices heard now more fremently and imperatively calling for peace.

HOOPSTAD GARRISON WITHDRAWN. British Isolated Force Reached by a Relief Celumn.

Special Cable Desputch to THE SUN From THE SUN Correspondent at Cape Town. at Hoopstad, in the northwestern part of the Mrs. Wilson had with her her daughter Jen-

next week on a flying visit.

WOMEN IN THE NEXT CAMPAIGN. Miss Boswell Says They Will Keep After the Men Until They Vote Right Ticket.

The Republican Club, which is carrying on a non-partisan campaign in the interest of good municipal government, held a meetng at its annex, 274 Bowery, last night. The all was crowded, but it was not like a political meeting. It was more like a business meeting at which the affairs of the corporation were discussed. Pratt A. Brown presided. Among the speakers was James R. Sheffield This city is a business corporation. Next

November we're going to have a steckholders, meeting and every one of us is entitled to go there and vote one share of stock. The the way the city has been run the last four years? If you do, vote for the present of-ficers if you think it hasn't been run in your interest, then's your chance to say

Miss Helen Variek Boswell was intro-Miss Helen Varick Bowell was intro-duced by the chairman with the remark that "the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world." She said: "I can't speak for the mothers as well as some others, for I'm only Miss Boswell, but that isn't my fault. One of woman's natural functions is to be a housecleaner. That's what she's going to do this fall. We women ean't do it you men can't do it alone. We ean't do it fou men can't do it alone. We must cooperate. In the coming campaign we women are going to district the city. We are going to get acquainted with your wives, mothers and sweethearts and we are going to get them to worry you until you vote the way we want. We're going to have a let of little campaign meetings right in your liomes, so that you will vote for a cleaner, better city and better opportunities for your children."

Miss Boswell, who is quite chatty in her delivery, made a hit with the men and they applauded her with enthusiasm. Wheeler H. Peckham, who is a Demoorat, and Otto A Rosolsky also spoke. CANT FIND COHEN.

Assignee Says He's Absconded -Assets Gone. Schedules in the assignment of Jacob Cohen, manufacturer of cloaks and suits at \$40 Broadway, were filed yesterday by Alexander Rosenbaum, the assignee. They show liabilities of \$35,166, nominal assets \$6,917 and actual assets \$1,771 in accounts and stock. All the assets have been removed from his place of assets have been removed from his place of business and it is said that he has not been there since the assignment. Creditors have been trying to find him but have been unable to locate him Mr. Rosenbaum stated in the schedules that Mr. Cohen has absounded and has not been beard from since the date of the assignment March 20. Among the creditors are Mrs. Entile Cohen, \$11,500, State lank, \$3,000. Bank of New Amsterdam, \$4,000, Columbia Bank, \$3,250. Nassau Bank of Brooklyn, \$2,000, and Solomon & Klapper, \$3,247.

WOMAN TEACHER NABS TRUANTS. Uses Her Handkerchief for Handcuffs to Get

Two Boys to the Police Court. Mrs. M. E. R. Alger, superintendent of the ruant school, made her handkerchief answer the purpose of handcuffs when she nabbed two young truants, who were rlaying with other boys at 131st street and Fighth avenue vesterday. She marched them both to the Hariem police court, where Magistrate Hogan committed both to the truant school. One boy, 11 years old, Joseph Hughes of 408 West Forty-eighth street, confessed that he hadn't been home for a month. The other boy, James Wilson of the same address, had been away two days. away two days.





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FLED FROM HER HOME IN THIS CITY. Mrs. Wilson, With Three Children, Soliciting Transportation to Syracuse.

POUGHREEPSIE, April 11.-Mrs. Jennie Wilson and three small children of 227 Wayerley place. New York, came into the police station in this city this afternoon and requested the poormaster to furnish her with transportation to Syracuse, where she in CAPE TOWN, April 11.—The British garrison | tends visiting her sister, Mrs. Daniel Miller. Orange River Colony, which has practically been isolated for some months, has been relieved by a column under Lord Erroll and withdrawn. The fortifications at the place were destroyed and nearly all of the inhabitants left the town.

Lord Erroll's column surprised the Boers at Karee Pan, killing seven of them.

Gen. Sir Frederick Forestier-Welker, the base commander here, with sail for England

The landlady who lets out rooms at 227 Waverley place was much surprised last night when a reporter came to her house with the despatch from Poughkeepsie saying that Mrs Jennie Wilson had fied from home because she was afraid of being treated violently. She said that the Wilsons had come to the house last Sunday morning, as she understood it, directly from the Grand Central Station. They said that theywere theatrical people. They paid a week's lodging in advance. They had four cuildren, and the whole family occupied one furnished room. The landlady thought that Mr Wilson, who had sone to bed, ought to be waked up to hear about Mrs. Wilson's trip to Poughteepsie. Neither she nor any of the other tenants had heard of any quarrel in the Wilson family. They seemed on the best of terms, the landlady said, when Mrs. Wilson left the house Tuesday morning.

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Mr. Wilson was waked. He seemed greatl disturbed by the news that had been brough to him. He said that his wife left the house early yesterday morning to make a view that he three youngest children at the lom of a friend in Mount Vernon. Mrs. Wilson took the family trunk with her when show the family trunk with her when showen the word of the pough keepsle despatch for a few minutes Mr. Wilson woke the oldest boy, who had been left with him, and had him dress. Mr. Wilson and the boy left the house with all the family possessions packed in hand bags at 10 o'clock and the boy left the house with all the family possessions packed in hand bags at 10 o'clock. He said that he was going to take the first train to Syracuse. Mr. Wilson, before he left Syracuse, admitted that he had had a triffing quarrel with his wife.

TWEED HOUSEHOLD GOODS SOLD. Pictures, Furniture and Bric-a-Brac of Dead

Boss Offered at Auction When "Boss" Tweed's former home at 28 West Fifty-sixth street was sold some of its more personal contents were retained by the politician's family, but much of the furniture which was in the handsomest fashions of the time, went along with the house to its purchasers. Pictures and articles of bric-A-brac as well as the furniture remained

brica-brac as well as the furniture remained in the house and all of these were effered for sale yesterday at the Colonial Auction Rooma, 332 Fifth avenue. Among the pieces sold were several large sideboards, heavy chairs and comfortable sofas.

A gang of well-known Tammany men who attended both sessions of the sale bought a pair of Sevres vases for \$100\$. They are said to have cost \$300 when they were bought by Tweed. A nephew of his was among the bidders at the sale on the first day.

The furniture brought fair prices, but little was paid for the pictures so far sold, which are not generally of a kind to increase in value. One painting for which Tweed is said to have paid \$1,20 went for \$45\$. It was unsigned and it was not possible to authenticate its source. It was its value as a relie that evidently made a mahogany serving table with two drawers bring \$40\$ and evidently the same value led to the purchase of an embroidered plush covered table for \$45\$. bring \$40 and evidently the same value led to the purchase of an embroidered plush covered table for \$45.

It was just twenty-three years ago that Tweed ended his career in Ludic & Street Jail. It was said by the auctioneer yesterday that many of the articles in the sale had been presented to Tweed by his political friends. The sale will continue until Saturday.

FOURTEENTH STREET THEATRE CLOSED Chauncey Olcott Was Ill and Unable to Appear

People who went to the Fourteenth Street Theatre last night found signs on the doors Theatre last night found signs on the doors saying that there would be no performance of "Mavourneen." After Wednesday evening a performance of the drama Chauncey Olcott became ill and thought it was serious He called in his doctor, who said that he was suffering from a cold and fever, and shouldn't appear last night. Mr Olcott expects to be well enough to act in "Mavourneen" tonight. The audience that had assembled, a large one, exchange their seats, a few taking their money back.

Leaped Three Stories and Only Broke an Arm. James H. Bruen, a porter who wanted to die, jumped between the stair railing on the fourth floor at 153 Ninth avenue last night, and went down to the first floor. But it didn't kill him. The only injury that an ambulance surgeon could find was a fracture of the right arm.

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Gen. Tracy Leases a Home in Goshen, Orange County.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y. April 11 -Gen. Benja min F. Tracy completed arrangements at Goshen on Wednesday for the lease of Manie shade, the home of Mrs Charles M Vail. for one year from May L. On that date he expects to remove to the county seat of Orange county and take up his residence there

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